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## GERMANISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Germanistic Society of America was held at the New York Academy of Medicine on Monday, November 28, 1910, at 4 P.M.

The President, Mr. Edward D. Adams, presented the following report of the Board of Directors:

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

DURING the past year the organization of the lectures under the auspices of the Germanistic Society of America has been perfected. Every year the Society, through its Corresponding Secretary, makes arrangements for more or less extended lecture tours in various American cities of our German visitors. The Germanistic Society of America has taken the initiative in an attempt to coördinate all work of this kind, and preparations for an agreement with the Germanistic societies of Chicago and St. Louis have been made—which societies were founded on the model of the New York society—with a view of laying out in a more systematic way the work of each German visitor. The negotiations in regard to this matter are still in progress, and a final result may be expected during the coming year.

During the past year Professor Max Friedländer of the



University of Berlin was invited by the Society to visit America, and he delivered the following lectures:

1909

October	19.	German Folk-Song	Germanistic Society
"	21.	Weber	Germanistic Society
December	8.	Beethoven	Germanistic Society
"	10.	Beethoven	Germanistic Society

Besides the above, he lectured at the following places:

October	17.	Germania, Brooklyn
"	22.	College of the City of New York
"	23.	Providence, R. I.
"	25.	Yale University
"	27.	Boston, Mass.
"	30.	Cornell University
November	1.	University of Rochester
"	3.	Buffalo, N. Y.
"	5.	Cleveland, O.
"	8.	Germanistic Society, Chicago
"	9.	Northwestern University
"	11.	Milwaukee, Wis.
"	12-16.	University of Wisconsin
"	17.	Minneapolis, Minn.
"	19-22.	Washington University, St. Louis
"	23.	Cincinnati, O.
"	28.	Columbus, O.
"	29.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
December	1-4.	Johns Hopkins University
"	7.	Mount Holyoke College

In the spring of 1910, Professor Rudolf Lehmann of the Royal Academy of Posen visited New York, following the invitation of the Society, and lectured as follows:

1910

March	18.	Friedrich Nietzsche	Germanistic Society
April	7.	Naturalismus und Idealstil	Germanistic Society

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April	2.	Verein Deutscher Lehrer, New York
"	5.	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 7. Columbia University, New York  
 " 8. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
 " 11. University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.  
 " 14-15. Cleveland, O.  
 " 16-17. St. Louis, Mo.  
 " 21-22. Milwaukee, Wis.  
 " 26-28. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, O.  
 " 30. Pittsburgh, Pa.  
 May 9. Columbia University

In addition to these, single lectures were delivered as follows:

Carl Runge, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Göttingen, Kaiser Wilhelm Professor at Columbia University—

January 21, 1910. Aviation

Professor Eduard Meyer, Professor of Ancient History in the University of Berlin, and Exchange Professor at Harvard University—

February 2, 1910. The Civilization and Monuments of the Builders of the Pyramids

Professor Edwin C. Roedder, Assistant Professor of German Philology, University of Wisconsin—

February 11, 1910. Schiller's *Demetrius*

Dr. Albert Südekum, Member of the German Parliament—

October 18, 1910. Die Entwicklung des Städtischen Leben in Deutschland

Johann Giesbert, Member of the German Parliament and of the Prussian Diet—

October 25, 1910. Die Gesetzgebung für Arbeiterschutz in Deutschland

For the present season, Freiherr von Wolzogen has been invited by the Society, and has commenced a course of lectures which promises to be highly successful.

During the season of 1909-10, a special course was arranged by the Germanistic Society on the Music of Germany. This course was given in coöperation with the Department of Extension Teaching of Columbia University, and included lectures by—

Mr. Daniel Gregory Mason, on Bach

Mr. William Henry Hall, on German Oratorio Composers: Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Brahms

Dr. John C. Griggs, on German Song-Writers: Schumann, Schubert, and others

Mr. Thomas Whitney Surette, on Beethoven; and a

Song Recital by the German Liederkrantz, Arthur Claassen, Conductor

It will thus be seen that the influence of the Society has extended in many new directions, and that the lecture courses arranged by us contributed largely to the diffusion of knowledge of Germany in the United States.

For the first time it has been possible in the year under review to take up the second aspect of the work of the Society as contemplated by its Constitution, and to do something to contribute to a better understanding and appreciation of America in Germany. The Corresponding Secretary of the Society, Professor Rudolf Tombo, Jr., during a leave of absence from Columbia University for the first half of the present academic year, has delivered, under the auspices of the Society, a series of lectures on the intellectual life of America at many places in Germany to private societies, at a number of universities, and at the court of Saxony. A lecture on American universities and student life, illustrated by lantern-slides especially made for the purpose and provided by this Society, in particular has been received with extraordinary interest.

and has attracted widespread attention in the German press to the conditions of the higher education in America as they actually exist and to the activities of the German-istic Society.

The academic work supported by the Society has been conducted on the same lines as in former years. Funds have been appropriated to Columbia University for the maintenance of instruction on the history of German civilization. The work has been supported by the Society for a period of five years, and the Society believes that this instruction should gradually be made independent of the support of the Society, and steps have been taken to effect this result. The importance of bringing our influence to bear upon the establishment of thorough university instruction on the history and development of German civilization is fully recognized, and our endeavors should continue to be directed toward the encouragement of work of this kind.

The Society has also directed its attention toward the improvement of library facilities in New York City, so far as matters pertaining to the history and geography of Germany are concerned; and with the assistance of the Government of Germany and Prussia an important collection of books and maps relating to the geography of Germany has been brought together. These have been temporarily installed in the Library of Columbia University, and are at the disposal of any one who desires to use them.

The development of the Society made a number of modifications of the constitution and by-laws necessary, which were accepted after careful consideration in a meeting of the Society held on October 5, 1910. The statutes in their new form will be found appended to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANZ BOAS,

*Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

November 10, 1910

November 12, 1909  
In Bank . . . . . \$1,938.87

### RECEIPTS:

Dues of members, 153 @ \$25 . . . . \$3,825.00  
Interest on bonds . . . . . 320.00  
Interest on Bank Account to June 30, 1910 . . . . 46.64  
4,191.64  
\$6,130.51

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Hire of Lecture Rooms, etc. . . . . \$550.00  
Paid to Lecturers . . . . . 1,216.00  
Printing . . . . . 552.90  
Salaries, Sundries, etc. . . . . 1,117.70  
Columbia University for maintenance of chair on  
"Deutsche Kulturgeschichte" . . . . . 1,200.00  
Bank Balance November 10, 1910 . . . . . 1,493.91  
\$6,130.51

### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

November 10.  
In Bank . . . . . \$1,493.91  
In Safe Deposit:  
\$500 Baltimore & Ohio First Mortgage 4% Bond  
@ 98¾ . . . . . 493.75  
*Brought forward,* . . . . \$1,987.66

<i>Carried forward,</i>	\$1,987.66
\$2,000 Pennsylvania Consol. Mortgage 4% Bond	
@ 103 . . . . .	2,060.00
\$500 Union Pacific First Mortgage 4% Bond @ 101.	505.00
\$5,000 Central Pacific First Refunding Mortgage	
4% Bond @ 97 . . . . .	4,850.00
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	\$9,402.66

(Signed)      EMIL L. BOAS,  
 November 10, 1910.      *Treasurer.*

(Signed)      EDWARD D. ADAMS,  
    *President.*

*Auditing Committee.*

HUGO REISINGER  
 FERDINAND W. LAFRENTZ



# CONSTITUTION

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## ARTICLE I

This Corporation shall be styled the Germanistic Society of America.

## ARTICLE II

The object of the Society is to promote the knowledge and study of German civilization in America and of American civilization in Germany, by supporting university instruction on these subjects, by arranging public lectures, by publishing and distributing documents, by social intercourse, and by other means adapted to the ends for which the Society is established.

## ARTICLE III

The affairs, funds, and the real and personal property of the Society shall be in general charge of a board of directors, all of whom shall be chosen from among the members of the Society, excepting honorary members.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERS

*Section 1.* The Society shall consist of members, life members, patrons, and honorary members. The name and residence of a candidate for membership shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors, and a majority vote of the directors present at any board meeting shall admit the candidate.

*Sec. 2.* The contribution of two hundred and fifty dollars at



one time shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Life Member.

*Sec. 3.* The contribution of one thousand dollars at one time shall entitle the person giving the same to be a Patron.

*Sec. 4.* Life members and patrons shall be free from the payment of any annual dues, but shall have all the rights possessed by members of the Society.

*Sec. 5.* Persons who have rendered eminent services in furthering the aims and objects of the Society may be elected to honorary membership, and shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

*Section 1.* The officers of the Society shall be a president, three vice-presidents, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and eight directors. Collectively they shall constitute the Board of Directors.

*Sec. 2.* The Board of Directors shall transact all business of the Society not otherwise provided for, and shall have power to fill vacancies in its own membership or in any offices until the next annual election.

*Sec. 3.* The directors and officers of the Society shall be chosen by and from among its members, life members, and patrons. The terms of office of the president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer shall be one year, that of the vice-presidents shall be three years and that of the directors shall be four years.

*Sec. 4.* The directors shall present at the annual meeting of the Society a report, verified by the president and treasurer, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by it, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated, or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects, or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the corporation during such year; which report shall be filed with the records of the

Society and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

*Sec. 5.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all standing Committees and shall discharge such functions as usually belong to the office of the President. In his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, according to seniority, shall discharge the duties of the President.

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Society and of its Board of Directors and shall have the custody of the seal of the Society.

The Corresponding Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and attend to all communications as may be required by the Board. He shall receive a salary the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Society and keep the same in a depository approved by the Board. He shall be the custodian of all documents and papers of the Society, excepting the minutes of meetings thereof and of directors' meetings. He shall keep separate accounts of any moneys received by him for special purposes and is to sign all checks and orders for the payment of money. He shall present to the Board of Directors, previous to the annual meeting of the Society, a report of the receipts and expenditures during the previous business year.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

*Section 1.* The annual meeting shall be held on the last Monday of November of each year. At this meeting the reports of the directors and officers shall be presented, and officers and directors for the ensuing year shall be elected.

*Sec. 2.* Other meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors or the President may determine.

*Sec. 3.* The Board of Directors shall call a meeting upon the written request of twenty members of the Society.

*Sec. 4.* Notices for special and other meetings shall be sent by mail, at least three days prior to the time of holding the meeting, and a notice so sent shall be considered sufficient notification.

## ARTICLE VII

### QUORUM

Nine members present at the annual or any other meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, five present shall constitute a quorum, and at any meeting of a committee a majority of such committee present shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws may be repealed, amended, or added to at the annual meeting of the Society without notice or at any special meeting of the Society upon serving thirty days' notice by mail, specifying the object or objects of the proposed matter to be repealed, amended, or added to. A two-thirds vote of the members voting shall be necessary to adoption. Proof of service of the notice shall be filed with the Treasurer at or before the meeting.

## BY-LAWS

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### ARTICLE I

#### BUSINESS YEAR

The business year of the Society shall commence on October 1st and end on September 30th.

### ARTICLE II

#### DUES

*Section 1.* The annual dues of members shall be twenty-five dollars, and shall be payable on the first day of December for the current business year.

*Sec. 2.* Members whose dues are in arrears for more than one year shall be dropped from the roll, unless the Board of Directors shall otherwise determine.

## ARTICLE III

### ELECTIONS

*Section 1.* At each annual meeting there shall be elected by ballot a president, one vice-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, and two directors, and as many additional officers and directors as may be required by the Constitution, to serve until their successors are chosen.

At the first annual election to be held after the adoption of this by-law, the directors to be elected may be classified in as many classes with different terms of office as may be required, so that the term of office of all the directors of one class only shall expire each year.

*Sec. 2.* When the President has been elected to succeed himself, he shall not be eligible for the presidency for the year succeeding his reelection.

*Sec. 3.* The Board of Directors shall serve as a nominating committee at the elections of the Society, but any other or additional nominations may be made by any member of the Society.

## ARTICLE IV

### COMMITTEES

*Section 1.* The Board of Directors may appoint such standing and special committees as it deems necessary.

*Sec. 2.* The Board of Directors shall appoint, in advance of the annual meeting, an Auditing Committee, consisting of three persons, none of whom is an officer, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and to report at the annual meeting.

*Sec. 3.* The Board of Directors may also from among their number elect an Executive Committee of not less than five, of which the President and the Recording Secretary shall be members, and such Executive Committee shall have all the powers of the Board of Directors whenever the latter shall not be in session, to do any and all things in relation to the affairs of the Society not

otherwise specifically provided for in the By-laws or Constitution.  
A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The seal of the Society shall have the inscription :

**“GERMANISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA.**

**Incorporated 1908, N. Y.”**

## OFFICERS

1905

*Vice-Presidents*

CARL SCHURZ  
EDWARD D. ADAMS  
W. H. CARPENTER

*Directors*

HERMAN C. KUDLICH  
LEONARD WEBER  
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*Treasurer*

EMIL L. BOAS

*Secretary*

FRANZ BOAS

1906

*President*

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER

*Vice-Presidents*

KARL BUENZ  
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EDWARD D. ADAMS

*Directors*

A. B. HEPBURN  
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1907

*President*

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*Vice-Presidents*

EDWARD D. ADAMS  
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*Directors*

LEONARD WEBER  
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**1908**

*President*

JOHN W. BURGESS

*Vice-Presidents*

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*Directors*

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EMIL L. BOAS

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**1909**

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HUGO REISINGER  
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**1910**

*President*

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*President*

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